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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)
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Kadono et al.)
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Serial No.: 09/535,233)
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Filed: March 24, 2000)
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For: A Method Of Manufacturing A)
Semiconductor Device)
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Art Unit: 2823)
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Examiner: W. Coleman)

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RESPONSE F

Sir:

Applicants have the following response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2003, a one month extension of time being separately submitted.

REMARKS

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 11-18 under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Lin et al. in view of Muraoka et al. The Examiner also rejects Claims 13, 14, 17 and 18 under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Lin et al. in view of Muraoka et al. and further in view of Araujo. The Examiner also rejects Claims 19, 20, 23, 24, 27 and 28 under 35 USC